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Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

1. Trains observed with Volkspolizei coming from an undetermined direction and leaving toward Eberswalde at the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard between 14 and 19 August 1952 included: a train of 62 boxcars on 14 August; a train of 48 boxcars on 16 August; and a train of 52 boxcars on 19 August. (1)

2. [redacted] troop trains [redacted] in [redacted] Berlin railroad district on 18 and 19 August:

Date in August	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
18	3 boxcars and 13 flatcars	Neustrelitz	Dallgow-Doberitz
	3 boxcars and 13 flatcars	Neustrelitz	Altruppin
19	10 boxcars, 36 gondola cars, 6 flatcars and 2 tank cars	undetermined	Angermuende

3. Troop trains [redacted] in [redacted] Berlin railroad district on 18 and 25 August included:

Date in August	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
18	7 boxcars and 14 flatcars with a troop unit	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Lieberose
	25 boxcars, 4 flatcars and 2 gondola cars with a signal battalion	Jueterbog	Wildpark

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25 13 boxcars and 4 flatcars with a troop unit and trucks

4. Troop trains observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 18 August included: a train of 3 boxcars with soldiers and 22 flatcars carrying 30 artillery pieces and 12 AT guns and proceeding to Prenzlau; and a train of 1 boxcar with soldiers and 5 flatcars with trucks. The train came from Aken and proceeded to Eberswalde.

5. On 29 August, a troop train consisting of six boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with a troop unit, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 12 full-track vehicles and 10 trucks was observed at the Seddin railroad station. The train came from Doeberitz (?) and went to Juetterbog. (5)

6. On 21 August, a train of 8 flatcars with four 6.2-mm AA guns each and 2 flatcars with limbers was observed at the Greifswald railroad station. The train proceeded toward Stralsund. On 22 August, large quantities of weapons for the Volkspolizei were unloaded at the Pasewalk railroad station. many trains with recruits for the Volkspolizei arrived at Torgelow. Forst Eggesin and Forst Torgelow were heavily occupied by Volkspolizei, and villages situated in this area, including Jaegerbrueck, had been evacuated. (6)

Comments.

- (1) These trains with Volkspolizei are probably for the activation of the 1st VP corps or army in the Eastern Pomerania area. The trains are believed to be reported for the first time.
- (2) the troop train to Dallrow-Doeberitz and the troop train to Altruppin. The troop train to Angermuende mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report is reported for the first time.
- (3) troop train from Juetterbog-Altes Lager to Lieberose. The troop train mentioned in paragraph 3 of this report carried an element of the 288th Cds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, which probably returned from firing practices at the Juetterbog troop training grounds. The 288th Cds AAA Regt is thus confirmed until 18 August 1952. signal units of the GOFB were shipped to Wildpark; the dispatching station, however, was Wuenndorf. The troop train from Juetterbog to Wildpark on 18 August mentioned in the present report is probably identical with the troop train which was previously reported. The troop train from Juetterbog on 25 August 1952 mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report cannot be identified. However it may be possible, that was confused the 66th Sig Regt (US) of the GOFB in the Potsdam area.
- (4) Additional shipments of materiel to the area, in which the 1st VP corps or army is being activated, were observed leaving Eberswalde between 16 and 21 August 1952. The shipment from Aken mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present report compares with the same observation made at the Eberswalde railroad station.
- (5) The train carried artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div which probably continued their firing practices at the Juetterbog troop training grounds which had begun in late July 1952.
- (6) The data generally agree with the statements on the Eggesin-Torgelow area.

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